(iv) The Ministry of Home Affairs has addressed all State Governments to lend a helping hand to the field formations to curb poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

(v) A National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016) has been launched with several action points and priority projects for conservation and protection of wildlife in the country.

Rehabilitation of displaced families

551. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sought Centre's approval for release of 21 hectares of forest land in Somwarpet Taluk, District Kodagu, for rehabilitation of 21 families displaced by the Harangi Project; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with the likely date by when the clearance would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir, the said proposal has been received.

(b) The proposal was processed and examined in the State Advisory Group Meeting under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. However, final descision in the case could not be taken for want of complete information from the State Government.

Upgradation in forests areas

552. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given a blanket clearance for upgradation of temporary forest roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had issued fresh guidelines regarding upgradation in protected areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?